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UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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